

Lesson 27, Getting to Know God-Jesus

Seek God Diligently

*I love them that love me; and those that seek me early (diligently) shall find me. **Proverbs 8:17***

You should all understand: the prophecies given in the books of the Bible are in fact foretelling events that will happen in the future of the time from when the prophet first publishes the Word of God as it is given to him.

What this means is that those prophecies, including those concerning the Four Horsemen, are a foretelling of things that will come to pass, and not just mysterious stories difficult to understand. God has seen into the future and knows what will happen, hundreds and even thousands of years in advance. These prophecies are given to you and me so as to give warning, so that we can be prepared for when they happen.

Know Also: God has given us the Bible so that we can study with diligence that which he has spoken to his prophets. By studying the Word of God, we can with patience and by giving prayer to God, come to understand what it is that God wants us to know. God has no desire that we be left ignorant of who he is and what will befall those that do not give true and correct worship to their creator. God tells us that he loves us, and that he wants that we love him. The following verse reflects this.

If you love God-Jesus, then he will love you back, God will treat you as his son. To be treated as a son is to be eligible for God's inheritance, which is Eternal Life and entry into Heaven. Only the Sons of God will receive this great gift from their Father. All of Man, male and female are the Children of God, but to be a Son of God, we must be obedient to the Commandments of God.

In the above verse God is telling you and me that **he loves us**, but he puts a caveat to that by saying that **we also must love him**. It is believed by virtually everyone that I have spoken to that God loves everyone, **without qualification**, yet in this verse God is telling us, "**I love then that love me**." If you accept the Word of God is the Truth, then these words spoken by God do include a qualification. This tells me that if you do not show your love for God then he may not love you.

No Gender in Heaven

*For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in Heaven. **Matthew 22:30***

To be a Son of God does not preclude women, there is no gender in Heaven; God sees only those that are the Saints of God and those who hate God by being in opposition to or disobedience to the Word of God.

Sex is an aspect of procreation of the species; therefore sex is an aspect of the earthy and not an aspect of the spirit. When you live forever, there is no need of sex, so all who are the Saints of God, will be looked at by God as without gender, but will be more like the Angels rather than like Man. This is given support by the above verse.

What this is telling me is that if there is no marriage in Heaven, because those in heaven live forever, procreation has no place, which also means that gender has no place in Heaven, which is to say that when God looks at the Children of Man, it is not as to see male or female, but those who are obedient to the Word of God and those that are not.

Take Note: All of the Children of Man, male and female, are the Children of God. When the Bible uses the words, “**Son or Sons,**” God is not referring only to the males of the human race but of both male and female. There is no gender in Heaven and Eternal Life.

How to show our love

God then tells us how to show our love for him, **and those that seek me early (diligently) shall find me,** or how to manifest the love we have for him in our heart into a tangible form. If you seek out to understand who God is and all that he stands for, through study and research of the Books of the Bible but also of the history prophesized in the Bible of those events that have already come to pass, then God will assist you in this search for God’s True Word.

This is Love

*And this is love that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, “That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.” **II John 1:6***

The Commandments of God are summarized by the Ten Commandments, and the Ten Commandments are the foundational basis of all that Jesus taught. What the above verse is saying, for you and me to show or manifest our love for God, we must obey and keep the Ten Commandments of God.

The Throne Room of God

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, "Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." **Revelation 4:1**

In order to best understand why Man is continuously involved in wars, and therefore why God gives a foretelling of the last war of Man against Man, which God calls the Great War, you need to understand that Satan is continuously attempting to pull Man away from the True and Correct worship of God. It is Satan that is at the core reason for all wars ever fought by nation against nation or people against people.

The Book of Revelation was written by the Apostle John from visions given to him by Jesus Christ. These visions came while John was held a prisoner on the Isle of Patmos for the crime of preaching that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God. In one of these visions John is given a glimpse into Heaven and the Throne Room of God which John then writes down and publishes so that all future generations can come to know who God is.

In the above verse, Jesus calls out to the Apostle John, "**Come up hither,**" in this Jesus is inviting John to come up to Heaven so that Jesus can show **John things that will happen over time or in John's future.**

Voice the sound of a trumpet

A voice like the sound of a trumpet, if you have ever heard a trumpet, it is loud. Therefore, this voice that is speaking to John is loud, but it is also musical and pleasant to the ears, at least it is pleasant to the ears of those who are the Saints of God, if you live your life in disobedience to the Word of God, then these voices will be shrill and unpleasant to your ears.

Must be Hereafter

Things which must be hereafter, tells me this is not a vision of the past, the word *hereafter* means: yet to come or in the future. Therefore, this is a vision of the future, but a future that must come to pass, or a prophecy of things to come.

God has the ability to see into the future, no other living being in this universe has that ability, though they may attempt to convince you that they do. When God tells us that something will happen or will come to pass, it is not necessarily that he will cause this to happen, but that God has seen it happen.

God's Throne in Heaven

And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

Revelation 4:2

The Apostle John is taken in the spirit into the throne room of God. I have to admit, I am jealous of John here. While he yet lived, and walked on this world as a man, he is given an insight of what life will be like in Heaven, and not just anywhere in heaven but into the very Throne Room of God.

The above description I have taken to heart, and hope that I will be deemed worthy to enter into Heaven as well. I have taken the first step, by accepting Christ as my Savior, but keeping the Commandments of God, at least two of them, has been a challenge after a lifetime of ignorance and custom of doing things otherwise. I will not tell you what two commandments I am having trouble with, because that is between God and me.

The Image of God

And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. **Revelation 4:3**

I am sure, when John used these words, as his description of God, to him and those of his day, it would be understandable. I on the other hand, have no idea what a sardine stone looks like, and even jasper is not something I am certain I have ever seen, therefore I looked them up in the dictionary.

A "Sardine Stone" is defined as, "Sardion, from a root meaning "red"), a gem of a blood-red colour, a hard reddish translucent semiprecious stone. It was called "Sardius"

because it was obtained from Sardis in Lydia. It is enumerated among the precious stones in the Tabernacle's High Priest's breastplate (Ex. 28:17; 39:10).

“**Jasper**” is defined as: A red, iron-bearing chalcedony, used in jewelry and ornaments.

I once again have no idea what “**Chalcedony**” is so I looked it up in the dictionary as well: a translucent or grayish semiprecious stone that is a variety of banded quartz, a gem used in ornaments.

With these definitions, I have somewhat of an idea of what John is speaking of, but I admit, I am not completely clear. John is giving a description of what the one who sits on the throne of God looks like, therefore I assume that it is a description of God. God has never revealed his form to me, so I have no way of knowing if this vision of God is accurate or only the haze of the vision of what John is seeing.

Four and Twenty Elders

*And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. **Revelation 4:4***

Four and twenty means, 24, and raiment is clothing. The symbolism of white raiment signifies that these elders have been cleansed of all sin, which suggests to me that they are numbered in the Saints of God.

Seven Spirits of God

*And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. **Revelation 4:5***

It is my opinion and therefore my understanding that the “**The Seven Spirits of God**” are the Seven Days of Creation and the establishment of the Seventh Day Sabbath. It is upon these that God has established his authority over heaven and earth. This understanding is not readily available from the verses of the Bible, but in my desire to understand, I gave prayer to God, and the above explanation is what God showed me.

If you compare all the occasions in the Book of Revelation where this phrase is used, “**The Seven Spirits of God**” it does give credence to this explanation as well. When God created this universe, he established on the Earth that there would be a seven day week, and allowed that the first six of those days Man would do all his work and those things that are required to sustain the body, but that on the Seventh Day, Man

would set aside concerns of the body and give observance to those things that give sustenance to the soul. God called this Seventh Day, **the Sabbath Day of the Lord**, a holy day of rest from work and a day of communion with God. Which is why, the Seven Spirits of the Lord are the Seven Days in a week. Each day of the week brings you closer to the seventh day and communion with God.

Heaven like a sea of glass

*And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. **Revelation 4:6***

I see these four beasts as God informing you and me that he God has created others than Man and that God has made these beasts living souls, as he has made Man a living soul. These are not Angels, because God refers to them as beasts, as is Man a beast of the Earth. This tells me that these “beast” that give worship to God came from another world in this universe, just as Man comes from a world. If you ever wondered whether Man was alone in this entire universe, I think with this verse God is telling us, **“No! Man is not the only living souls that I have created.”**

The Four Beasts in Heaven

*And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. **Revelation 4:7-8***

These four beasts are giving worship to God, which gives support to the idea that these beasts are like Man, living souls and not just animals. Animals without souls are incapable of giving worship, only those that understand right from wrong and have self-awareness, have the ability to comprehend and therefore give worship.

For God's Pleasure

And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying. “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive

glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”

Revelation 4:9-11

In case you did not notice, these beasts give worship to God, and also speak as only intelligent beings can do, not animals. This is one more piece of evidence to me that these beasts are living souls, as is Man.

In these verses, the descriptions of four beasts are given, but the beasts are not what are important. John is being shown that the strange beasts are worshiping God, and that even the Elders, regardless of their station or status in Heaven, also get down to worship God. God is the Almighty, God is the Creator, therefore, God is worthy of our respect and worship.

Creator of All Things

Take Note: a reference in their supplications is given to the fact that God is the Creator, for thou hast created all things, of all that is, and all that exists, is because God wanted it so, and that all creation is for God's pleasure, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. If in his pleasure God chooses to destroy all that he created, he can. In fact, that is exactly what he intends to do.

Remember: the talk of a New Heaven and a New Earth. All that is will be made over and sin will be removed from it, which is why those of sin that are thrown into Hell's Fire and will not be remembered, because the heaven and earth that they had lived in, will be no more, and they will never have existed in the New Heaven and New Earth. This is given support of **Revelation Chapter 21**.

We Belong to God

It is because God is the **creator of all things**, which gives him the authority to give us commandments as to how we should live our lives. You see, he owns us, he created or made us, therefore he owns us. When Jesus died on the cross, God purchased our souls with the blood of his son. So when Liberalism preaches that a woman's body belongs to her, “it is my body, I can do what I want,” and if she chooses not to carry to term a pregnancy but chooses to have an abortion, that is a lie told to you by Satan. Your body, your soul, everything about you, belongs to God. In return for your life and use of your body, God expects that you obey his Word. If you fail to give the worship to God that is his due, and live by God's Commandments, then all that you have, your body, soul and life will be taken from you upon Judgment Day.

God's Sandbox

Think of this as follows: This universe is God's sand box. All the toys in it belong to God. You are one of his possessions as well. If God builds a sand castle for you to play with, but then you fail to play by his rules, he can if he chooses, take the castle and smash it down. I am not saying that is what God is going to do; it is just that it is his right to do so. We must live by his pleasure and not our own.

Life's Sign-Posts to Salvation

And God spake all these words, saying, "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt NOT have other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3

In case, no one has ever told you this, God wants you to get to know him, personally and intimately. In the above three verses God wants that we understand the he is "**OUR GOD**," and that it is only to him that we are to give our worship. His laws or commandments are guideposts to show you how to give true and correct worship to God, and how not to sin. Think of God's Commandments in the following way.

Parable of the Road Trip

You are preparing to take a trip in a car intent on going from Central, New York State to Denver, Colorado. In order to know how to get there, you take out your travel atlas, and draw a line along the route that you need to take in order to get to your destination.

When you finally pull out of your driveway, you decide that you have the route down in memory, so you place the atlas in the back seat out of reach. As you get to a large city, many other highways intersect into the route you have to take. There are signposts, with the numbers of the routes that will take you to this or that city. You find that you are not certain what highway you need to turn on in order to stay on the correct route, so you have to pull over in order to retrieve the atlas from the back seat.

In this parable, the **travel atlas** is your Bible, the **correct route**, the line that you drew which is the path of righteousness; the **signposts** are the Ten Commandments. Unless you keep the Ten Commandments to your heart, you could get lost and take a wrong turn off the highway to salvation and wind up on one of the many roads to damnation.

God gave us the Ten Commandments, written down in stone, so that we would not get confused as to which way we need to go to reach our destination to salvation and not get lost on the path to damnation along the way.

Ten Commandments

1. *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*
2. *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*
3. *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*
4. *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath Day, and Hallowed it.*
5. *Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*
6. *Thou shalt not kill.*
7. *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*
8. *Thou shalt not steal.*
9. *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*
10. *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.*

Exodus 20:3-17

Remember: I explained that there are Three Primary Covenants that God has made with Man.

The First with Abraham for Isaac,

The Second with Moses and those that came out of Egypt with him,

The Third with the Saints of God who come to God through Jesus Christ.

The reason I consider the Covenant that God made with Moses, the Second Covenant, is because God clarifies, with the Ten Commandments, which it means to live in the Way of God. By codifying God's Laws, (the Ten Commandments), and having it written down and published, it gives a specific and easy to remember listing of what God demands of his Saints.

Laws of Love

Another thing I would like to impress upon you. The Ten Commandments are laws of love. By knowing what constitutes a sin beforehand, you know ahead of time, how not to sin. This is why, all these recent attempts by the False Prophet to vilify and remove references to God or his Ten Commandments, is so dangerous to Man. If we have never read the Ten Commandments and never taken the time to understand their meaning, then we won't know how not to sin. That is Satan's intent, to hide or confuse the truth with his lies, and deceptions.

Satan hates God and because God created Man, Satan hates Man, if Satan can keep you from achieving Eternal Life, then he has succeeded in depriving God of you and you from God. You are a treasure to God, all that you are, your life experiences, your love and successes, all are valuable to God. If you fail to stay true to the worship of God, then you will be lost to God.

Be Thou Perfect

*And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, "I am the Almighty God; walk before me, **and be thou perfect.**"* **Genesis 17:1**

A Saint of God

What God is saying is that he wants that Abram to become a Saint of God. One thing that you may or may not be aware of, but God caused that these words spoken to Abram to be written down for you and I to read, is because they apply to all of Man and not just to Abram. God wants that all his children to walk before God and be perfect.

Defining Perfection

This interpretation of what God is telling Abram is supported by the following words, "**And be thou Perfect.**" God is telling, not asking, Abram to be perfect in his walk before God. What do you think God means by "**Perfect?**"

The word "**Perfect**" has several meanings depending upon how the word is used, the definition that best applies to this usage is: **Faultless.** To be "**Faultless**" is to be, **flawless, spotless, blameless, irreproachable, and "Correct."** God is telling Abram what he must do is to "**Walk in the Ways of God, and be faultless and correct in all that he does.**" Such is the same as is the meaning found in the Ten Commandments, which is why I say that they existed prior to the time of Moses, they simply had not been written down before.

Walk before me

What does God mean when he say, "**Walk before me?**" Do you think that God wants Abram to walk in front of him so that Abram can lead the way for God? I think not. I suggest that God wants that Abram walks in the Way of God, so that God who is watching Abram can see the respect and love that Abram gives to God in his obedience to God.

The Ways of God

What is the Way of God? In order to understand this you first need to get to know who and what God is what he stands for, his personal Honor, what kind of Personality he has, and his Moral Character. This I believe you now know, having read this far in these pages of the Lessons of this Web Page.

The Ways of God are accomplished when you keep the Commandments of God and live by the moral Teachings of the Christ Jesus, which is also the definition of what it means to be **Righteous.**

Even though Jesus was yet to be born at the time of Abraham, and therefore had yet to teach us anything, even so, that which Jesus did teach, did exist in that God is everlasting to everlasting and the Teachings of Jesus are eternal moral attributes that are attributes of God's own morality. So even though Jesus hadn't taught them yet, doesn't mean that they were unknown to Abram. That which Jesus taught is that which was given to Jesus by God the Father and God being everlasting to everlasting, so too then is the Ways of God.

To keep all the Ways of God is to keep the Law of God and the Law of God are summarized in the Ten Commandments. Just because they hadn't been written down (codified), at the time of Abraham, does not mean that they do not exist yet.

God Rested on the Seventh Day

Thus the heavens and the Earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the Seventh Day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the Seventh Day from all his work which he had made.

Genesis 2:1-2

These two verses are making it very clear that God in fact, did rest on the Seventh Day of Creation. To live your life in the Way of God, you must be obedient to the Commandments of God, and if God observed the Seventh Day as a rest day, then so to must you.

Man must rest on the Seventh Day

Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it you shall do no work. **Exodus 20:9-10**

Again, in these two verses, God is being very clear, because God rested on the Seventh Day, then so too must all Man rest on the Seventh Day. Despite the clarity of these verses, the entire world is of the belief that Sunday or the first day is the Lords day of rest. I consider this to be the fault of Satan's greatest lie.

Most lies are founded upon 90% truth and only 10% lie, but with the first day observance as God's day of rest, there is nothing in scripture spoken by God or by Jesus that gives support to this lie, yet the world believes it to be true even though it is 100% lie with absolutely no truth in it.

I will make my covenant

And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. **Genesis 17:2**

In order that you might understand why I see there being Three Primary Covenants and not just two is to ask the question, "What reward does God offer Abram if he does as God commands of him?" In return for living his life in "**Righteousness**" God will make a covenant with Abram, and all those of future generations that abide by the covenant that God has set forth with Abram.

You see, it wasn't enough that you were born of one of the families of the Nation of Israel, if you wanted to be part of the Covenant with God, then you needed to be obedient to that which God required when the Covenant was set in place. If you fail to fulfill your part of the Covenant, then God is not bound to fulfill his part with you.

Like a Business Contract

O Covenant is like a Business Contract. If you contract to purchase a car and you specify that it is to be red in color with chrome wheels, but when you go to pick up the car from the dealer, it is blue in color with regular steel wheels; you are not required nor can you be forced to accept this car that doesn't meet your specific specifications and what you contracted to buy.

Same with the Covenant with God, if you agree to be obedient to the Ways of God, but then fail to do so, then God is under no obligation to give you all the gifts that are promised to those who do keep all the commandments required by God in the First Covenant he made with Abraham.

Abram's Rewards

And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, "As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee." **Genesis 17:3-7**

Understand the times that Abram lived in. On all the Earth, the worship of the God of Creation was nowhere to be found, save for a scattered few. Satan had establish many Pagan religions with false gods to worship, so God is telling Abram, that it is time that he God reasserted himself in the lives of Man by establishing a people that looked to him as their God, and give worship to him, the God of Creation. It was to Abram that God intended that he would begin this following.

God's Promises

And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. **Genesis 17:8**

God therefore promises to give to Abram and all his seed the lands of Canaan currently known as the Palestine or the Nation of Israel.

Defining the Saints of God

*And God said unto Abraham, "Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. **Genesis 17:9***

As I have pointed out before, the Children of Abraham does not refer to the blood descendants of the man, but to all those who believe in the promises and Word of God, and have faith that what God speaks, is truth and what God promises to do, God will do.

The same is true of the Children of Israel, all those who overcome their sins are the Children of Israel, and **not all** who are the blood descendants of Jacob are the Children of Israel. I am a child of Abraham, in that I have faith in the Word of God, I am a Child of Israel, because I have overcome my sins and have asked God for his forgiveness. Both are required to be a Saint of God.

You see: it is not just to Abraham that God is making this Covenant, but to all those who follow after Abraham. God uses the word "**Generations,**" to make it clear that all who give obedience to the Ways of God, and to God's Commandments, will benefit in the promises of God, however, this also implies that those who do not obey, will not benefit.

Fist Covenant Requirements

*This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. **Genesis 17:10-12***

First God tells Abram that he must be perfect in the Ways of God, and then he expands upon this by commanding that all males of the people must also have the foreskin circumcised as a "**Token**" symbolizing the covenant. A "**Token**" is defined as: **a symbolic demonstration.** This mark upon the flesh of each man is to remind them that they are required to keep the Ways of God and uphold the Covenant between them and God.

Take Note: in the definition of “Token” the word “Symbolic” is used. The word “Symbolic” is defined as: in representation of something else, characterized by or involving the use of symbols or symbolisms.

I have never been fond of giving definition of a word, using the root word of the word being defined; therefore I give this following definition of the word “Symbolic.”

The word “Symbolic” is defined as: giving representation of one thing using another to give it meaning in a way easily understood by the people.

An Example: The “Dove” is symbolic of the state of Peace. The “Dove” is not peace: it only represents the idea of peace.

With this definition in mind, the circumcision of the foreskin is a permanent and physical reminder that those of the seed of Abraham and Jacob are required to be obedient to the Ways of God. Being circumcised does not in and of itself make you free of sin, it is symbolic of your need to be obedient to the Commandments of God, and to be obedient to the Way of God is the same as to be obedient to the Commandments and Judgments of God.

If you therefore, fail to be obedient to the Word of God, then you are not covered under the First or Second Covenants established with God. If you are not covered under God’s Covenants, then you are not entitled to the gifts that are given in return to being obedient to God’s Commandments.

All shall circumcise

And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a taken of the covenant betwixt me and you. **Genesis 17:11**

In this commandment, God requires that all male children and men have their foreskins circumcised, as a sign and a token, giving a physical and permanent symbol of obedience, between Man and God.

As you can see, the requirements or Commandments that the children of Abraham were required to keep were simple, give true and correct worship to God and have all males circumcised.

In Review

In return for Abraham and his seed keeping the Ways of God and having the foreskin of all the men circumcised, they will receive all the lands of Canaan, which is modern day Palestine. That is the first covenant that God made with Abram. As you can see the only promise or gift being given by God is the land. There is no talk of the Ten Commandments or the keeping of the Sabbath or even eternal life is there?

Second Covenant

*Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, "I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: and I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the Lord your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. **Exodus 6:6-7***

The Second Covenant, required the same as the First Covenant, but God added, (**redeem you with Great Judgments**), which is to say a codification of the Law of God, (the Ten Commandment), so as to give unquestioned and easily understandable instruction on how to give true and correct worship to God which the first covenant did not have.

For Abraham and Isaac, to be righteous before God, you only needed to give true and correct worship of God, but when this proved to be ambiguous a requirement, God gave the Second Covenant, which includes the keeping of a codified set of Commandments, so as to make it clear what the Way of God required.

Because these laws or requirements were not written down at the time of Abraham and published for all future generations to have access to the words spoken by God, the people living between Abraham and Moses were easily confused and deceived by Satan.

For this reason God gave Moses his Ten Commandments written upon Stone, so as to last forever, but God also caused Moses to write down and publish the first books of the Bible, which give even greater understanding to the Ten Commandments, in that the Ten Commandments are but a summarization of the Way of God, but also to what God requires of Man as to how Man is to give worship to God.

As you can see, these Covenants are Commandments of God, in that God is telling Abraham, and through him all future generations, that the people "**MUST**" keep these laws. This is not a request or a pretty please, it is being demanded by God that the people are to obey. In your worship of God-Jesus, do you obey?

A Kingdom of Priests

*Ye have seen what I (God) did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. **Exodus 19:4-6***

With Moses, God continues his covenant that he established with Abraham, but in order to establish a nation out of his people it required that God codified or should I say extrapolated more clearly all that defines "**Walking in the Way of God.**" It is for this reason that Moses is given ten specific laws required of all the generations of the Children of Israel from then on.

As part of the Covenant that God made with Moses and the Descendants of Jacob and those that are the Children of Israel, which I call the Second Covenant, God made no new promises to Moses over and above that which he had promised Abraham. What God did was put down in writing that which was understood between God and Abraham, but had never been written down before. This lack of having a codified set of laws to abide by allowed for Satan to confuse and deceive the people, to accepting things that God had not intended, thus removing the people, after a period of time, from giving true and correct worship of God.

Man still lost in sin

So God gave to Man all of these writings as proof and easily understood commandments, so that Man would not be confused or deceived, but Satan is subtle and deceitful far greater than any other, and was therefore able, despite God's Law being written down, to even so cause people to believe Satan's lies rather than the Word of God as it is written in the pages of the Books of the Bible.

God's Truism

This ability of Satan to deceive Man is derived from Man's resistance to the idea that the Word of God is truth, it is never a lie, and when you compare that which God has spoken and had written down, with some other thing spoken or written down that is contradictory to the Word of God, or has meaning not intended by God. Because of this flaw in Man, God gave me the following Truism.

If God spoke it, then you will find it in the Holy Gospel,

If God spoke it, then it is the truth,

It is the truth because it is of God,

It is of God, because God spoke it.

If God did not speak it, then you will not find it in the Holy Gospel,

If God did not speak it, then it is a lie,

It is a lie, because it is not of God,

It is not of God, because God did not speak it.

In this the Second Covenant, God made no new promises to Moses over and above that which he had promised Abraham. The reason I consider this the Second Covenant, is because God clarifies that which it means to live in the Way of God. By codifying God's Laws, it gives specific and easy to remember listing of what God demands of his Saints.

As I have pointed out before, the Children of Abraham does not refer to the blood descendants of the man, but to all those who believe in the promises and Word of God, and have faith that what God speaks, God will do.

The same is true of the Children of Israel, all those who overcome their sins as did Jacob are the Children of Israel, and **not** all who are the blood descendants of Jacob are the Children of Israel.

I am a child of Abraham, in that I have faith in the Word of God, I am a Child of Israel, because I have overcome my sins and have asked God for his forgiveness. Both are required to be a Saint of God.

The New (Third) Covenant

*But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days, **in the end of times**), saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. **Jeremiah 31:33***

After those days

The phrase, "**After those days**," is a reference to the End of Times and the End of Days, and includes the thousand year reign of Jesus on the Earth.

Laws in their hearts

I will put my law in their inward parts: God will *write it*, (the laws of God, which are the Ten Commandments and the moral teachings of Jesus), *in their hearts*. Only those who have taken the laws of God and have gone through a rebirth of personality and moral character, by embracing the Ten Commandments and make the morality of God to be their morality (an Israelite) will be covered under the New Covenant with God.

No longer is it necessary to have the foreskin circumcised, but instead you must love the Law of God in the heart, in such a way that they are no longer laws to be obeyed, but are aspects of who you are, your Honor, your Personality, and you're Moral Character.

First Advent of Jesus

God then sent the Christ in the body of Jesus to once again give instruction and commandment as to how Man is to give worship to God, and how Man is to live in God's Morality. Even so, once more Satan has caused Man to believe lies by counterfeiting the Church of Christ and the gospel spoken by Jesus, by way of Satan's anti-Christ, and now through the godless religion of Liberalism, which the Book of Revelations refers to as the False Prophet.

Of the over 7 billion people that live on the Earth today, God recognizes only 144,000 as being the Saints of God. With both the anti-Christ and the False Prophet bringing pressure upon those that give true worship to God, if God were not to intervene soon, all record of who and what God is and stands for would be lost to the children of Man, therefore, God is about to intervene, as is prophesized in the following prophecies. Now that you can see that Satan is behind all the wars and behind all the times that men give worship to false gods, it is time to show you the end result of all of Satan's deceptions.

Glory of Jesus Christ

*And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. **Revelation 5:1***

This verse is depicting God sitting on his throne in heaven, holding a book, with words written upon it and within it. This book is bound by seven seals, which is a way of saying that it is not able to be read by just anyone.

The Number Seven is symbolic of the number of creation, in that it took God six days to create then one other day or the seventh day to rest. This suggests to me that these seven seals are aspects of creation that only God has access to, which no man is able to comprehend.

Who is Worthy

And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book, and to lose the seals thereof?" **Revelation 5:2**

Do you wonder "Why is this question being asked?" The purpose of a book is to convey the thoughts of the author of the book to those that read the book. If a book has been written, then why isn't it readable by any and all who would wish to do so?

No Man can open it

And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. **Revelation 5:3**

What this verse is saying is that even though this is a book, written to be read, NO MAN is able neither to read it nor even to look upon it. This once more suggests to me, that this book has something to do with "Creation," and that it only can be read and understood by the Creator.

A Curiosity

I suggest that the reason no man can open this book or look there upon is because this book has written in it all the history of the past and the future. As I suggested above, this book is a symbolic aspect of creation, and one aspect of creation is that God created time as well as the physical universe.

Man is captive to the river of time, and has no ability to alter the past or see into the future, but God who is not of this universe, but is he who created this universe, is outside of time and therefore can see or go anywhere in time, he chooses.

No Man under the Earth

And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. **Revelation 5:3**

This verse offers food for thought. Is anyone else interested in what Jesus means when he tells us that no **man under the earth** is able to open the seals? **Under the earth** is generally a reference to in the sea.

Regardless, Jesus is giving a definite reference to some place not in heaven and not on the earth. This suggests that there are men in this location, for none among them was able to break the seals.

A curious phrase, don't you think? God does not speak but that it has purpose and meaning. So what meaning can we glean from **no man under the earth could open the book**, like I said, "Food for thought." God has revealed the meaning of this to me, but I do not think that anyone would believe what God has given to me to understand; therefore I will leave it up to God if he wants that any others should know.

NO Man found worthy

*And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. **Revelation 5:4***

The question I asked is, "**What is this Book?** Is it a book as we know books, or is it some kind of symbolism which is needed so that we can gain understanding of what God-Jesus is attempting to teach us?"

What is it about this book that no man is able to open it?

What does it mean, "**Neither to look thereon?**" Because this book cannot be looked upon by Man, I suggest as I have previously suggested, that this book is a symbolism, and that the symbolism has something to do with Creation, and not with the physical world.

I suggest, as of this time in this vision, that John had no idea what was written in the book, but that he knew it was important, and it needed to be opened and read. That no one was found to be worthy, caused him much distress, and brought him to tears.

There is another thing you should give consideration to. What is the content of this book, and why does John feel so concerned that it be opened and read?

The Root of David

*And one of the elders saith unto me, "Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to lose the seven seals thereof." **Revelation 5:5***

I see this as a definite reference to Jesus Christ. Jesus is the son of God, but at the same time Jesus is the son of Mary, a man of flesh and blood, therefore Jesus is a son of Man, as he oft times refers to himself.

Being the son of Mary, he is a direct descendent of King David, as is Mary, which is why he is referred to as being of the Root of David.

At the same time, however, Jesus is the Christ, and the Christ is the spirit of God, making Jesus, God in the flesh of a man. This is why Jesus is able to open the book, when no other man is able to, Jesus is more than a man Jesus is the spirit of God.

Only Jesus being God

Another thing you should give consideration to, why only of all the people in heaven and earth Jesus is the only one able to open the book? I see this as being because Jesus is God in the flesh of a Man, and as such only God can open the book. This also gives a clue as to what this book is and what might be written in it and why I suggest that it gives the power of prophecy and seeing into the future.

Seven Horns and Seven Eyes

*And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. **Revelation 5:6***

Stood a Lamb as it had been slain

When John is given this vision, he sees that which has the appearance of a Lamb standing in the midst of those gathered around the Throne of God in Heaven. This Lamb has the appearance of one that has **been slain** or having once been dead, but is now standing alive for all to see. I see this as a definite symbolic vision of the man Jesus, and that Jesus died on the cross but was resurrected unto life, something that the Apostle John witnessed personally and with his own eyes.

Having seven horns and seven eyes

Jesus is being shown to the Apostle John, not as a man however, but as a lamb, having seven horns and seven eyes, this I see as being done, so that John and you and I, will understand that Jesus is more than a man, but that Jesus is himself symbolic of the Creator and all that God stands for.

Seven Spirits of God

I suggest that the Seven Spirits of God are the Seven Days of Creation and how they established the Seventh Day Sabbath.

God-Jesus reveals that the Seven Horns and Seven Eyes on the Lamb, which is symbolic of the Church of Christ, is another symbolism of the Seven Spirits of God; therefore, they also represent the Seven Days of Creation and the establishment of the Seventh Day Sabbath.

This is logical when you consider that the Church of Christ as established by Jesus is founded upon the fact that God is the Creator, and that his Seventh Day Sabbath is a Holy Day, and on it we are reminded to keep his Sabbath holy.

I suggest: this symbolism is also informing us that only those that keep the Seventh Day Sabbath can be the Saints of God, and all others to give worship to God-Jesus but do not keep the Seventh Day Sabbath, give their worship in vain.

The reference to the Lamb as it had been slain should now convince you that this is Jesus Christ and through him that Jesus is symbolic of the Church of Christ which is founded upon all that Jesus taught.

Jesus is found worthy

And he (Jesus) came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

Revelation 5:7

These words, "Took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne," are telling me that this is the point where God gives authority to Christ Jesus, authority that had, until then, only been that of God the Father.

In this, God is extending the authority of God into the hands of the Christ Jesus. This is the same as a human father giving announcement that his son is his heir of his estate, and therefore has all the authority of the father.

Jesus is worshiped

*And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. **Revelation 5:8***

With God giving his authority to the Christ Jesus, all those present in the Throne Room, acknowledge this assignment of authority, by going down before Jesus and giving worship to Jesus to the Glory of God the Father.

When a human king dies or abrogates his throne and the son of the king takes on the mantle of king, then the people and subjects of the first gives allegiance to the son.

A New Song

*And they sung a new song, saying, "Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." **Revelation 5:9-10***

The reason this is a **New Song**, is because, in all of eternity, God has never given such authority to anyone.

Consider this: God refers to the Angels and other Heavenly Beings as being his sons, but in all eternity, God has never given such honor or glory as he has given to the Christ Jesus. It is for this reason why those present are singing a New Song; such has never been spoken before this.

This reference is to the **Redeemer, hast redeemed us to God by thy blood**, and that Jesus commanded that his disciples take his teachings to the Gentiles and all nations, should now convince you, this is Christ Jesus who has been declared worthy of opening this book with its seven seals.

Only Jesus being God

Another thing you should give consideration to, why only of all the people in heaven and earth Jesus is the only one able to open the book? I see this as being because Jesus is God in the flesh of a Man, and as such only God can open the book. This also gives a clue as to what this book is and what might be written in it, which I suggest is the power over creation and all that is there in.

Jesus is worshiped

*And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing." **Revelation 5:11-12***

The largest denomination found in the Bible is measured in thousands. Therefore, when it is counted in multiples of ten thousand plus thousands of thousands, it is another way of saying, billions upon billions upon trillions, upon quadrillions. In short, a whole lot of angles were present and they were all declaring Jesus Christ worthy of the throne, and worthy to be able to remove the seven seals and to open and read this book.

Blessed is the Lamb

*And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever. **Revelation 5:13-14***

It is my opinion, though it doesn't actually say it in the Bible, but that these verses are included in this vision to the Apostle John so as to help the reader understand the fact that Christ Jesus is God in the flesh of a Man. This I believe is important, because there are other false gods. Satan in particular and the other fallen angels have established other religions that mimic or counterfeit the true faith. They however are false, and even though you believe you are worshiping the true God, you are deceived and therefore not worshiping the true God. It is for this reason why we must take the Word of God as being the truth, and all other words that contradict or disagree with the Word of God as lies.

In the above verses, God is giving to the Christ Jesus, authority over Heaven and Earth and all that is within, but retains authority over all the rest of the universe. There is only one God, and God created the angels just as he created Man. Satan is a fallen angel, so he is not a god, but a false god, for he is one of the fallen angels, and as such was created by God as well. There is only one God and as such we must give worship to that one God as he commands. To increase or diminish anything from what God has spoken is to make your worship false and therefore you worship in vain. The following verses give support to this.

In Vain do ye Worship

He, (Jesus), answered and said unto them, (the Pharisees), “Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, “This People honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men?” **Mark 7:6-7**

What this means, **honoureth me with their lips**, is that though you give **lip service** to being a Christian or a Jew or a Muslim, if you do not worship as God commands that he be worshiped, then, **Howbeit in vain do they worship me**, your worship is in vain.

The Doctrines of Man are words spoken not by God but by others such as the Pope, or a priest, or a pastor, or a Mullah, which are contrary in meaning as that which God spoke to his prophets and that they wrote down and had published. Only the word of God is truth, all other words that contradict or alter the meaning of the Word of God are lies.

Satan's Biggest Lie

But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work. **Exodus 20:10**

The most obvious of the Commandments of Men is the words that tell you to the first day of the week, or Sunday is the Sabbath Day of the Lord your God, when God tells us in the above verse that the Seventh Day is God's Holy Day, the Sabbath Day.

You Say, I pray to God!

You may say, “If I pray to God, and in my heart, it is the true God I pray to, then I have nothing to worry about.” I say that is not true. If you follow the believes and practices, and keep the traditions of the false churches, no matter how much you pray to God, it is the false god to whom you pray, and your prayers are made in vain. The following will help to give clarity of what I am attempting to say.

Parable of the Friend

He, (Jesus), answered and said unto them, (the Pharisees), “Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, “This People honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men?” **Mark 7:6-7**

If you have not taken the time to get to know God personally and intimately, then how can you possibly know if it is in fact God that you give worship to? To help you to understand what I am attempting to say, let's look at this in relation to knowing another person.

Jack is a friend of yours. You have known Jack for around a month, and you enjoy getting together with him to have a beer and watch sports. One day Sam, who is a longtime friend of yours, comes up to you and tells you that Jack is a thief, that he stole money from Sam, and that you should be careful with your valuables around Jack.

The question is do you know Jack well enough to know whether Sam is telling you the truth, or is it Sam who is the liar. Only by getting to know someone, can you truly know for certain if they are as you believe them to be or if they are as someone else has told you they are.

This is true of God as well. Lucifer has told us that God is deceitful, and a liar. When God says that the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord, but Satan tells us that the first day of the week, (Sunday), is the Sabbath of the Lord, who can you believe? Only by getting to know both God and Satan, can you possibly make an educated and knowledgeable determination. Satan has further made it more difficult in that he has established a religion that has all the look and feel of the true faith of God, but it is not the faith as taught to us by Jesus. Satan has counterfeited the gospel of Jesus, to the point it is difficult knowing which is of Christ and which is of Satan. Only by getting to know God in a personal and intimate relationship can you ever know for sure which the truth is and which is the lie. God has explained what we must do in order to show that we worship him and only him. This is all laid out in the Bible and in the Ten Commandments and the Teachings of Jesus Christ. Only by studying these things and coming to know what God and Satan stand for, are you able to know the rightness of them or if they are not acceptable to you. When you understand God's Morality, then you come to know who God is. We are all defined by our personal sense of honor, personality, and our moral character, so too is God, for we are made in his image.

Having now given you a small insight into that which God-Jesus is, we can move forward to learn of those End of Days prophecies given to the Apostle John by the Christ Jesus 2,000 + years ago.